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NO COMPROMISE PEACE WITH JAPAN

WESTMINSTER, Dec. 14.

"Summing up my impression of the three conferences, I would say the Prime Minister and I were greatly encouraged by the outcome o. our conferences and so I believe were all our allied colleagues. To that extent I bring the House a message of good cheer. These events of course give no cause for easy optimism. Far from it. If I were to do that, I would be giving my message falsely", declared Mr. Anthony Eden in the House of Commons to-day.

HARD TASK TO COMPLETE

The very magnitude of Allied plans would call for an immense effort in the coming months. "We have set ourselves a hard task in our determination to achieve victory at the earliest possible date. Great battles are impending. For this effort we shall need all our strength and all our courage in greater measure perhaps than ever before. I ask the House to give a pledge that for our part that effort will be forthcoming". (Loud cheers).

EDEN OPENS WAR DEBATE

Opening the war debate the British Foreign Secretary Mr. Anthony Eden, expressing Mr. Churchill's regret for absence, said: "There is still important work for him to do where he now is, and he feels sure the House would wish him to see that work through to the end.

Referring to the recent Three-Power Conferences Mr. Eden said he did not believe that even the Prime Minister had ever devoted more hours of day and, alas, of night, to unremitting labours than during these conferences. "I am glad to be able to report that in spite of this I left him, though perhaps a little tired, in good health, stout of heart and most confident in spirit."

MILITARY PLANS

Mr. Eden continued: "The first of the two Cairo Conferences and the Teheran Conference were taken up with military matters. It was possible for us to bring these matters to a state of complete and collective preparation far exceeding anything that has hitherto been realised in this war".

MEETING WITH CHIANGS

In good weather I arrived in Cairo on the evening when the Prime Minister was entertaining the Generalissimo and Madame Chiang-Kai-Shek—this leader of indestructible China and his most gifted wife. It was a memorable experience when the Prime Minister took his guests and Admiral Mountbatten now in charge of the eastern theatre of operations in India, into his private room where for some hours we dived deep into war plans.

May I say here it is difficult not to be deeply impressed by the Generalissimo even at the first meeting. A number of my honourable friends already know him, but I had never met him before and the impression deepens, as time goes on, that under the outward gentleness and gracefulness of this remarkable personality there is a core of subtle steel. His is the strength which you feel cannot be broken. It can only be bent—then to strike back with even greater force.

From what I have said the House will understand how readily the Generalissimo and our Prime Minister understood each other. They speak just the same language of determination and all through that evening and many subsequent discussions and meetings Madame Chiang-Kai-Shek was always there to help us with her sagacious counsel, her unrivalled experience of the East and West and her brilliant gift as an interpreter. The House will not wish me to apologise for giving just a personal impression of a very remarkable personality.

WAR AIMS IN EAST

Our Military Mission agreed in Cairo upon the future of military operations against Japan. But we also thought it well to take this opportunity to set out the political principles for which we are fighting and we did so in these words: "The three great powers are fighting this war to resist and punish the aggression of Japan. They covet no gain for themselves and have no thought of territorial expansion'.

Such being our purpose, it is our determined intention that Japan shall be deprived of the opportunity for further mischief: that she shall be expelled from all territories to whomsoever they belong, from all territories which she has taken and reparation shall be made to China for the wrongs that have been done to her.

We thought it well to take this opportunity to tell the people of Korea that we have not forgotten them and that their country too in due course shall become free and independent again.

The House may say, and it is true, that there is in all this no new declaration of British policy. The House will remember that even before Pearl Harbour the Prime Minister warned Japan that if she attacked the United States we would declare war within the hour.

From that moment we have been committed to the objects which are set out now for the first time internationally in the Cairo Agreement. We are committed to them because we understand that to destroy Germany and then make a compromise peace with Japan would only mean a third world war.

TO THE BITTER END

The war with Japan is not one in which we in Britain are playing the part of benevolent assistance. Even if we are compelled for the time being to devote the greater part our human and material resources to the task of defeating Germany, we are still principals in the Far Eastern war. Japan is just as great a menace to the security of the British Commonwealth as she is to the security of either the United States or China. Let us ask anyone of the splendid fighting men of Canada, Australia and New Zealand whether they could contemplate any future for our countries unless the power of Japan were broken. They, thousands of them came here in 1939 to help us in our defence here. Many of them are still here in spite of the dangers to their own countries.

We should be utterly unworthy of our heritage and of our tradition if we did not, at the earliest possible moment, deploy all our resources for the purpose of establishing their security on a firm basis. For that we have to fight Japan to the bitter end whatever the cost and however long it takes.

POST-WAR COLLABORATION

I have no doubt this meeting between the leaders of the three great powers upon whom rests the heaviest share in the conduct of the war against Japan has been of the greatest service to our cause in the political as well as the military sphere. For I was able, during these discussions, to have some discussion with our Chinese friends on another matter in which I know the House takes interest,—post-war collaboration between our two countries both in policy and commerce.

I told our Chinese friends it was the desire of this country that that collaboration should be as close and cordial as possible. I found that to be their attitude also and I hope we are going to be able to make, in fact I feel sure that we are going to be able to make, steady progress in both these spheres".

Referring to the Teheran Conference Mr. Eden said that there was a welcome absence of formality about all the meetings and both luncheons and dinners were served for further prosecution of business. "When I came back to this House from Moscow I ventured to give the House the message that I was confident that the foundations had been laid for enduring collaboration between Britain, the United States and the Soviet Union. I am many more times confident of this to-day."

Mr. Eden quoted comment from the Soviet newspaper "Pravda", saying that a tremendous step forward had now been taken along the path of fruitful work together after the war by Great Britain, the U.S.S.R. and the United States. "I contend that that is true", he said.

TEHERAN SETS THE SEAL

"Let me try to sum up the results of the Teheran Meeting. The first result is that the war will be shortened. Close co-ordination of all plans reached at the conference will ensure it. Surely we can do better when there is close interplay at every move. We have not had that until now. The Teheran conference laid plans to this end. Every plan is now agreed and the time is agreed and in due course the decision of the Teheran Conference will be unrolled on the field of battle.

More than once before the Allies have stood together in war and fallen apart in peace. In the last year or so many members in all parts of the House must have said: 'Is this going to be our experience once again?' That certainly will be Germany's aim, once again she will play it and all she knows from the moment the last shot is fired. To sow confusion and doubt will be Germany's aim and thus prepare for the next change.

FOUNDATIONS FOR PEACE

This recurring threat of war can only be met if there is an International order firmer in strength and unity than any enemy that can seek to challenge it. Do foundations for such an order exist?

Six months ago I could not have given you any certain answer. To-day I can give the answer. It is an emphatic YES.

The foundations do exist and I am fully confident that there is a possibility and more than a possibility, a desire, among the three powers for continued co-operation not only during the war, not only in reshaping the world when the Armistice comes, but also thereafter in maintaining in the world an orderly progress and continuing peace. The foundations of that understanding were laid at Moscow. They have been strengthened and confirmed in Teheran.

The three can work together. We have set our hand to the task, heavy is our responsibility to ensure that we do not fail."

THE BEGINNING

Giving illustrations of the beginning that has been made, Mr. Eden said that the Advisory Council for Italy had begun its work and each representative had told him that the work was proceeding smoothly and well. Then there was the Commission which was to be set up in London and had been completed by the nomination by the United States of Mr. John Winant —a most admirable choice. "I understand, if I am not telling secrets about another body, that it is to have its first preliminary meeting to-day. These are the beginnings. These two bodies were planned in Moscow, but the scope of their work and its importance have both been greatly increased by the decisions taken at Teheran.

TALKS WITH TURKEY

Now I pass on to Turkey. It was decided in Teheran to invite the President of Turkey to attend a conference of representatives of the United States, Soviet Russia and Britain in Cairo. Unfortunately M Vishinsky who should have been the Russian representative, was away at the front in Italy. He could not reach us until after the close of the talks."

Mr. Eden, however, was able to see him before he left Cairo and gave him a full account of all that passed and discussed with him the outcome of the work.

He said that he had good hopes these confidential discussions would be found to have established a sound basis for future co-operation between Britain, Soviet Russia, America and Turkey.

Referring to the Turkish Foreign Minister's recent statement that the conversations in Cairo were so intimate and far-reaching that he could now say Turkish relations with the United States and the Soviet Union were almost as cordial and strong as with Great Britain, Mr. Eden declared: "Those who know the past history of this business will realise what an important statement that is."

LEBANON AFFAIR

Of the recent Lebanon crisis, Mr. Eden said: "Our interest in this matter is twofold. We have deep sympathy with the national aspirations of the Arab world—we are the only country that has ever concluded a Treaty and withdrawn from an independent Arab State—and yet at the same time the preservation of order and tranqillity in the Lebanon is an Allied interest for it closely affects the whole of our war effort in the Middle East.

I understand that General Catroux is going back to Beirut very soon on behalf of the French Committee of National Liberation and is to conduct negotiations to try and bring about a "Modus Vivendi" in the Levant States. No happier choice of a representative could have been made by our French friends and I am sure that the House will share the earnest hope which we have expressed already through diplomatic channels to the authorites concerned that these negotiations will conducted in a conciliatory spirit on both sides and lead to early agreement. I am confident that all members of the United Nations will share that view.

WORD TO FRANCE

Here is one word which I hope the House will endorse to the people of France." Mr. Eden said that in the 5th winter of the war the suffering of the French people has been harsh and cruel—a long ordeal which but for the hazard of geography, the British might have had to share (cheers). He believed that this great people of forty million—strong by moral and intellectual qualities which have been theirs throughout their history—would find the spirit to lift them up from the heavy blows dealt them. (cheers)

POSITION OF YUGOSLAVIA

Referring to the position of Yugoslavia, Mr. Eden said that from all reports received it was clear that the Partisans under the Commander-in-Chief Gen. Tito are engaging a large number of German forces and we are doing all we can to supply them with munitions and give them support in every possible way. Our action in this respect has been endorsed by the Soviet and the United States Governments several times over.

A British Mission under Lt. Fitzroy MacLean, Member of Parliament, had been with Gen. Tito since last spring and when the Soviet Mission also reached Yugoslavia, M. Molotov and he (Mr. Eden) had agreed that the two Missions should work together in close co-operation. The Partisans emphasized the provisional nature of the Executive National Committee of Liberation they had established, and held that it was for the Yugoslav people, as soon as their country was liberated, freely to choose the form of Government they prefer. "If this is the position, then that too is the view of the British Government. It is also I know—because he has told me—the desire of King Peter himself and the policy of his Government. We are now at work in consultation and conjenction with our Allies to bring together all those in Yugoslavia who want to fight the common enemy".

On the position of Greece, Mr. Eden said: "It is our aim to try and unite almost all those bands who are hostile to the Germans and we have some hope that we may have a measure of success."

GREAT BATTLES IMPENDING

The Foreign Minister summing up, said: "We were greatly encouraged by the outcome of our three conferences and so, I believe, were all our Allied colleagues. I bring the House a message of good cheer, but these events give no cause for easy optimism; far from it. The very magnitude of the plan to which the Allied leaders have given their approval will call for immense efforts in coming months from all United Nations. We have set ourselves a hard task in our determination to achieve victory at the earliest possible date. Great battles are impending."

After giving figures of British and United States casualties Mr. Eden added: "Up to the most recent count German prisoners totalled just over 6,000."—Reuter.

WAVELL TO INVITE MAHATMA?

Auchinleck Credited With Sympathy For India's Legitimate Demands

(From Our Correspondent.)

ALLAHABAD, Dec. 14.

According to rumours current in Allahabad Lord Wavell may invite Mahatma Gandhi to discuss the political situation.

Private advices received here from London indicate that there is growing volume of public opinion in England in favour of ending the present deadlock.

In India Sir Claude Auchinleck, Commander-in-Chief, is credited with great sympathy for India's legitimate demands.

With the preparations for Allied offensive against Japan nearing completion, it is felt in political circles here that India stands a good chance of being granted a large measure of self-Government, provided Congress leaders agree to concentrate India's resources on defeating Japan.

It is difficult to say how far such rumours and hopes are well-founded but it is generally agreed that the need for reversal of Government's present policy was never greater than to-day.

CASEY OFFERED BENGAL GOVERNORSHIP

(From Our Correspondent)

LONDON, Dec. 14.

The post of Bengal's Governorship has been offered to Mr. Casey, British Minister of State in Egypt, although it cannot be said for some time whether he has accepted or rejected it.

Writing in the "Daily Telegraph" columnist Peterborough says that as the war has moved away from Egypt, the importance of the duties of the "Minister of State at Cairo has progressively diminished. It is now felt that the time has come for Mr. Casey being given more pressing work elsewhere and the Governorship of Bengal is mentioned.

Enemy Raid On Assam Airfield

Slight Casualties: 7 Jap Planes Destroyed

NEW DELHI, Dec. 14.

On December 13, Japanese bombers escorted by fighters raided an American airfield in north-eastern Assam, says a Press Communique.

Casualties and damage are reported extremely slight.

Two Japanese bombers and five fighters were definitely destroyed.—A. P.

Toll Of Jap Raid On Calcutta

CALCUTTA, Dec. 14.

Three hundred and thirty-four persons have died on the spot and in hospital so far as a result of the enemy air raid on the city on December 5., according to the mortality figures recorded by the Calcutta Corporation for the week ending December 11.

DISPOSAL OF CORPSES

In the light of the experience of the last enemy air raid on the city, the Government of Bengal are now, it is learnt, revising the present arrangements for disposal of corpses after a raid. Under the present arrangements, immediately after a raid, the police have to examine the dead bodies of persons killed in a raid and after enquiry, to inform the Calcutta Corporation, which is to arrange for disposal of the bodies. The object of the revised arrangements will be to minimise the time involved.

APPEAL FOR SPACE FOR TRENCHES

An appeal to the owners of private buildings situated near Bustees in the city to come forward with offers of buildings or rooms in their premises for use as Air Raid shelters, or land for the digging of slit trenches for the bustee people residing nearby, is made by the Government of Bengal through a Press Note issued to-day. —A. P.

LOTTERY LOAN TO FIGHT INFLATION

India Govt. To Issue Bonds Without Interest

NEW DELHI, Dec. 14.

As part of their anti-inflationary drive, the Government of India are issuing prize bonds which will not yield interest but will have the attractions of a State lottery.

This is devised as an inducement to draw off surplus purchasing power from the hands of small investors, whom earlier savings plans have failed to attract.

With effect from January 15, 1944, and until further notice the Government of India will issue 5-YEAR INTEREST-FREE PRIZE BONDS, 1949, which will be on sale at any Indian office of the Reserve Bank of India, all branches of the Imperial Bank of India and at all Government treasuries and sub-treasuries in British India or in a State in India conducting Government of India treasury business. The bonds will be repaid at par in 1949.

The loan will be in the form of bearer bonds of the denominations of Rs. 100 and Rs. 10 and will not bear interest but half-yearly a draw by lot under the supervision of the Government of India will take place in respect of each series the sale of which has been completed. Each series will consist of one lakh pieces of Rs. 100 or Rs. 10 denomination to the value of Rs. one crore and Rs. 10 lakhs respectively. The draw for prizes in the completed series will take place on January 15 and July 15 each year commencing from the July 15th, 1944, upto and including the January 15, 1949. Prize money will be paid to holders of winning bonds and the prizes will aggregate Rs. 1,00,000 and Rs. 10,000 each half-year for the Rs. 100 and Rs. 10 issues respectively.

The number and amount of prizes in each series will be as follows:—

SERIES OF RS. 100 DENOMINATION: 1 prize of Rs. 50,000—Rs. 50,000; 2 prizes of Rs. 20,000 each—Rs. 40,000 and 2 prizes of Rs. 5,000 each —Rs. 10,000. Total Rs. 1,00,000.

SERIES OF RS. 10 DENOMINATION: 1 prize of Rs. 2,500—Rs. 2,500; 2 prizes of Rs. 1,250 each—Rs. 2,500; 5 prizes of Rs. 500 each—Rs. 2,500 and 10 prizes of Rs. 250 each—Rs. 2,500. Total Rs. 10,000.

The prize money will be free of "Income-tax and payment thereof in respect of the Rs. ten denominations will be made in cash and in respect of the Rs. one hundred denominations, the payment will be made half in cash and the balance in the form of current Defence Bonds or in National Savings Certificates, up to the prescribed maximum, at the option of the prize-winners.—A. P.

LATEST COMMERCIAL

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SOVIET CAPTURE CHERKASSY

Nazis In Dnieper Bend Faced With Three Soviet Thrusts

MOSCOW, Dec. 14.

It is officially announced that the Red Army has captured Cherkassy.

The Russians have captured several more inhabited localities in the Kirovograd direction according to the "Red Star." The Germans launched eight successive counter-attacks with tank and infantry forces but all were repelled with heavy losses. The strong points captured west of Kremenchug reported in Monday's Soviet 'communique' are Adamovka, Kazarki, Uspevka, Yanich and Vdovy-Khutot.

MANSTEIN'S FORCES ON LAST LEGS

From Reuters' special correspondent: The whole situation in the Dnieper Bend looks highly unpromising for the Germans in the immediate future. Von Manstein, faced with three distinct Russian thrusts in the Dnieper Bend, has informed each local commander that he must rely on his own resources. "I cannot promise speedy reinforcements" he said, according to a captured German order.

The truth is that the change of fortunes in the Kiev Bulge prevents the German command from switching mobile Panzers to help three sectors of the Dnieper Bend which are under threat of being isolated by Russian spearheads. — Cherkassy, Kirovograd and Krivoi Rog.

Nazi Pressure On Hungary

ANKARA: A Budapest message states that the Nazis are pressing the Hugarian Government to send more troops to the Russian Front. It is stated that von Ribbentrop, the German Foreign Minister has assured Premier Kallay that the German Government were prepared to guarantee Hungary against Rumanian attack on Transylvania.—India Press Service.

INDIAN TROOPS FORGE AHEAD ON ITALIAN FRONT

Canadian Troops Take New Height Dominating Ortona

LONDON, December 14.

Allied Headquarters in North Africa: Indian troops made further advance on the central sector of the Eighth Army front, states to-day's Allied 'communique.'

Algiers Radio (Radio France) said this afternoon: "Canadian troops of the Eighth Army have made substantial gains. Despite enemy resistance they have occupied a new height dominating Ortona."

To-day's Allied North Africa 'communique' states: "LAND: On the Adriatic coastal sector our troops threw back several enemy counter-attacks, inflicting casualties and knocking out hostile tanks. Indian troops made further advances in the central sector of the Eighth Army front where prisoners were taken. On the Fifth Army front activity was limited to exchanges of artillery fire and patrolling.

AIR:—Split and Sibenik were each attacked by our medium bombers yesterday. At Split an oil depot was set on fire and at Sibenik Railway yards were well covered. Bridges were destroyed at Ponte Corvo and Casello. Terracina railway centre was well covered by strikes. Two of our aircraft are missing."

CAIRO: To-day's Middle East Air Communique states: "During the night of December 12/13 Royal Air Force heavy bombers attacked harbour installations at Suda Bay, Crete.

On the previous night warehouses at Syros harbour were hit. Attacks against enemy shipping in the Aegean were continued. At Santorin harbour in daylight yesterday a sailing vessel was sunk by United States bombers and a large coasting vessel was set ablaze and left sinking at Stampalia island. A direct hit on a small motorship as scored in the same area. From these and other operations two of our aircraft are missing".

INDIANS CAPTURE 50 GERMANS

Reuters' special correspondent in a cable from North Africa, to-day, said: In the central sector of the 8th Army front the Indians have made limited advances capturing 50 Germans. Punjabis, Gurkhas and Bengal Lancers have been identified as operating with the 8th Army.

Indians' Fight Across Moro

BRINDISI, Dec. 12: There is a small river in Southern Italy, which if you are touring the country you would probably never notice—it is river Moro and it is causing the Indian troops a great deal of trouble, writes an Indian Army observer.

The Germans, thrown off the banks of the swift-flowing wide Sangro, where they hoped to have spent a nice cosy winter have, decided to stand by the smaller river, eight miles further. Already after a great deal of trouble, some Indian troops have established themselves across the Moro and Indian sappers have built a bridge across it—a fact which the Germans resent with much noise. They are shelling and mortaring it continuously and also trying to bomb it when swift flying 'Messerschmitt' hell-divers can creep under the R. A. F. fighter umbrella waving watchfully overhead. But the bridges are still standing and tour supplies are getting across to hard-pressed troops in slit trenches on the opposite bank. Indian troops over the bank are edging forward, sometimes only scores of yards at a time in the face of fierce German opposition.

Moro is one of the keys to the important town of Pescara which guards the first class motor road running across Italy to Rome.

NEW NAZI WEAPON

So the Germans are doing all in their power to stop us by bringing fresh troops against the Indian front bringing up batteries of 17 centimetre self-propelled guns and vicious Nebelwerfers, which is their latest weapon. This is a multiple mortar firing six big bombs at a time which land with terrifying crash.

The German troops are very short of food, according to Italians arriving at our lines. They receive no rations but are ordered "to make their own arrangements for rationing" which means looting every village and farmhouse they occupy. An Italian told me to-day: "They take everything and if we complain they tell us with a sneer, Badoglio will pay".—Reuter.

U. S. READY FOR BIG PACIFIC OFFENSIVE

WASHINGTON, Dec. 14.

The Navy Secretary, Col. Frank Knox told a Press Conference to-day that the preliminaries of fighting a major Pacific offensive are out of the way and "we are getting ready to drive home some hard blows."

Col. Knox said: "We now have equipment and trained men to do a complete job. Plans are going ahead. The whole strategy is now becoming apparent."—Reuter.

Allies Raid Hankow 'Drome

CHUNGKING, Dec. 15: American 'Liberators' raided Hankow aerodrome on Saturday and Sunday night. Hanoi and marshalling yards in Indo-China were attacked by daylight on Sunday. The Japanese attacked an American base in Eastern China on Sunday. Allied fighters shot down two Zeros and also got two probables. Two more Zeros were damaged.—Reuter.

R. A. F. Raid On Western Germany

LONDON, Dec. 14.

An Air Ministry 'communique' states: "Last night 'Mosquitoes' of the Bomber Command without loss attacked objectives in Western Germany."

FARIDPUR: During the week ending December 4 there were 213 cholera cases in this district, of which 98 were fatal. 57 deaths out of 133 cases occurred in Gopalganj sub-division. Small-pox is gradually spreading.

VICEROY VISITS FREE KITCHENS

CUTTACK, Dec. 13.

Their Excellencies the Viceroy and Lady Wavell spent the day inspecting free kitchens for destitutes in the cyclone devastated areas of Ganjam District.

At Rambha Their Excellencies visited a centre near the railway station run by the Orissa Relief Committee, where 4,000 people were being given doles twice weekly. They then proceeded to Valur area, the worst affected by the cyclone of 1942. They also visited free kitchens in Humma, Gunjam, Chatrapur, Gopalpur and Berhampur.

29 DEATHS IN CALCUTTA ON MONDAY

CALCUTTA, Dec. 14.

Yesterday 29 sick destitutes died in various hospitals in the city and suburbs and there were 27 new admissions.

Sir Jwala Prasad Srivastava, Food Member, Government of India, arrived in Calcutta to-night.

BERLIN: To-day's German 'communique' confirms the evacuation of Cherkassy and reports increased Soviet pressure in the Cherkassy and Kirovgrad areas. The 'communique' said that the Russians gained ground in some places.

Mr. Jinnah Buys Property In Karachi

KARACHI, Dec. 11: It is learnt that Mr. M. A. Jinnah has bought property worth Rs. 1,25,000 in Karachi. He is arriving in Karachi on December 21st by air.—United Press.

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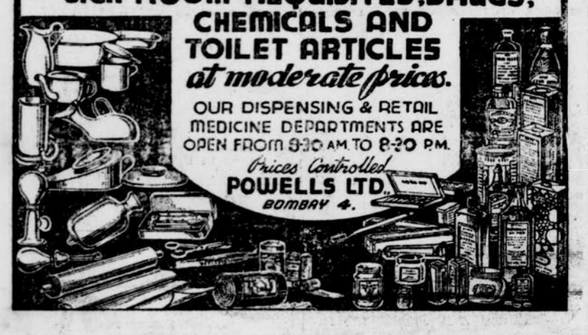

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"THERE WAS ENOUGH FOR ALL IN BENGAL IF IT WAS FAIRLY SHARED OUT"

Rationing Is Only Remedy Says Sir Sultan Ahmed

CALCUTTA, Dec. 12: There was little doubt that the Bengal food situation had improved and was improving, said the Hon. Sir Sultan Ahmed, Information and Broadcasting Member of the Government of India, broadcasting from Calcutta on Sunday night.

"Bengal shall not starve again and, certainly not, so that the hoarders and profiteers may flourish. The cultivator and the trader no longer have the Government and the public in the hollow of their hand and no one will realise this more keenly than the operators of the black market as the procurement policy of the Bengal Government comes fully into operation"

Continuing, Sir Sultan said that while there was every hope for plentiful food for the people, the Bengal Government were not taking any chances. There was enough for all, if and only if it was fairly shared out. In these times there was no better way of guaranteeing an adequate share of food to everyone except by rationing, which the Bengal Government had decided to introduce in their towns.

CONTRIBUTIONS FROM AFRICA

BOMBAY, Dec. 13: A sum of Rs. 119.487/15 has been received from various individuals and organisations in Zanzibar, Uganda and South Africa, by Sir Purushottamdas Thakurdas of the Imperial Indian Citizenship Association and has been remitted to the Bengal Relief Committee, for relief of distress in Bengal.

The sum includes Rs. 50,000 from the Central Council of Indian Association, Uganda, Rs. 22,404 from the Indian Famine Relief Committees Durban, Rs. 14,465 collected by the Hindu Ladies Committee and Rs. 15,000 from Messrs. Jetha Lila, Zanzibar.

Imperial Chemicals Contributes £5,000 To Famine Fund

In addition to the donation of Rs. 50,000 to the Bengal Central Relief Fund made by them two months ago, the Imperial Chemical Industries, England, have contributed £5,000 to the Viceroy's Central Indian Relief Fund.

CALCUTTA MUSLIM CHAMBER'S FUND

The Muslim Chamber of Commerce Relief Fund stands at Rs. 3,91,800/7/3 on Monday, December 6, 1943. Further donations in kind have been received bringing the total of such contributions to about Rs. 1,50,000.

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LONDON, Dec. 13.

The King has again given two Christmas trees to St. Paul's Cathedral. The gifts for these will be divided between several charities including Indian Famine Relief.—Reuter.

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NEW YORK, (By Mail): How long will the war last? This was the question put by the American Trade Magazine, "Finance" to the Presidents of one hundred largest banks. The reply was as follows:—

"Germany will be beaten by the fall of 1944, Japan will last six months to three years".—India Press Service.

Ibn Saud Receives U. S. Military Mission

JEDDAH, December 13.

King Ibn Saud received a United States Military Mission under General Royce which has arrived in Jeddah by air.

The King is tonight entertaining the Mission to a dinner attended by American and British Ministers.—Reuter.

INDIAN PHILOSOPHICAL CONGRESS

The 18th Session of the Indian Philosophical Congress will be held at Lahore, on the 21st, 22nd and 23rd December, 1943, under the Presidentship of Prof. P. N. Srinivasachari. The Sectional Presidents are: (1) Logic and Metaphysics: Dr. J. N. Chubb, Bombay, (2) Indian Philosophy: Mr. H. N. Raghavendrachar, Mysore; (3) Psychology: Mr. Sambunath Roy, Patna; (4) Ethics and Social Philosophy: Mr. P. M. Bhambhani, Agra; (5) Islamic Philosophy: Mr. M. Umaruddin, Aligarh.

INDIAN HISTORY CONGRESS

ALLAHABAD, Dec. 14: The Indian History Congress will meet on the 26th of December at Aligarh. The meetings of the Editorial Committees will be held a day earlier on the 25th to consider finally the scheme of chapters and their allotment to writers of the projected history of India in 12 volumes.

The members of the Indian History Congress will be the guests of his Highness the Nawab Sahib of Bhopal during their stay at Aligarh.—A. P.

Loksangraha Press Keeper's Appeal

(Before the Hon'ble Mr. Justice Wadia, Mr. Justice Lokur and Mr. Justice Weston).

This was an application by V. G. Ketkar, Keeper of Loksangraha Press at Poona to set aside the order of the Government of Bombay demanding a security of Rs. 2,000 under the Indian Press (Emergency Powers) Act by reason of the printing of a Marathi book entitled "Savarkar Charitra" (Life History of Savarkar) by S. L. Karandikar which has since been proscribed by the Government.

The petitioner's case was that it was wrong to select a few isolated passages and that the book as a whole was a historic and literary work and as such it was excepted as within Explanation 1 of Section 4 (1) of the Indian Press (Emergency Powers) Act.

Their Lordships admitted the application which will now come up for hearing in due course.

Mr. K. A. Dharap appeared for the Petitioner.

Dehlavi Warns

DANGER OF SEVERAL 'BENGALS' IN INDIA

SURAT, Dec. 11.

"The Viceroy has been duly praised for taking swift action in Bengal as soon as he stepped into India. But if necessary and immediate action is not taken in Surat and places enjoying similar conditions as in Surat as soon as the Viceroy finishes his work in Bengal, he will find several Bengals to attend to," observed Sir Ali Mohamad Dehlavi, former leader of the Opposition in the Bombay Assembly speaking at a meeting in the Municipal hall this evening.

The meeting discussed "the distressing food situation in the city and means to ease the situation." About 200 prominent citizens were present.

A resolution was passed at the meeting stating that unless and until immediate and effective steps are taken to meet the very acute situation created in the city "by the almost entire absence of foodgrains and fuel, an unprecedented dire calamity will fall on the city, especially on the poor and middle classes."

The meeting also appointed Committee of nine with Sir A. M. K. Dehlavi as Chairman to apprise the authorities of the real situation in the city and demand immediate measures to ease the situation and to take any necessary steps.—A. P.

3 PERSONS ARRESTED IN BELGAUM

BELGAUM, Dec. 13

The police searched a residential quarter here and arrested Gavisiddappa Belavadi Manikchand Shah and two others under Defence of India Rule No. 129.

It is learnt that these arrests were made in connection with the leaders' arrest day demonstrations.

All the accused in the Pachapur toddy shop burning case and the Sulebhavi Mail looting case have been acquitted by the Sessions Judges of Belgaum and Sangli respectively.—A. P.

Supply Chief Meets Surat Grain Merchants

SURAT, Dec. 13

Mr. Booth, the Director of Civil Supplies on Monday evening met representatives of grain merchants of the city and leading citizens in connection with the food situation.

It is learnt that arrangements are being made to import grain from outside the district and enlarge the present distribution machinery.—A. P.

NATIONAL WAR FRONT

A public meeting under the auspices of the National War Front, Malabar Hill Division, will be held at 6-30 p. m., on Friday, the 17th December 1943, in Shri Sunderbai Memorial Hall, Queen's Road, Bombay, when Sir Cowasji Jehangir, Bart., K.C.I.E., O.B.E., will preside. Sir Victor Sassoon, Bart., Mr. A. D. Shroff and Mr. R. G. Saraiya will speak on "Why you should save in war-time and how by saving in war-time you will be helping yourself and helping your country."

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Sunrise: 8-6 a.m. Sunset: 7-2 p.m.
Hightide: 2-12, 14-00. Lowtide: 8-25, 19-17
Municipal Standing Committee 2-30 p.m. (B. T.).

To-day's Engagements

DR. DASTUR DHALLA'S LECTURE: To-day (Wednesday) at 6-15 p.m. at Sir C. J. Hall on "Orthodox and Reformists on Breaking Point". Seth Pirojsham N. Mehta will preside.

TATA GRADUATE SCHOOL OF SOCIAL WORK: A public lecture will be given by Dr. E. Asirvathan, Reader in Political Science and Public Administration—Madras University on "Youth and Post-War Reconstruction" at the Nagpada Neighbourhood House (Byculla) at 6-30 p.m. (N. S. T.), to-day.

INSTITUTION OF ENGINEERS (INDIA): A paper meeting of the Institution of Engineers (India), Bombay Centre, will be held to-day, at 6 p.m. (S. T.), in the Institution Room at the above address for the discussion of Institution Paper on "Sun Drying Activited Sludge" by F. C. Griffin (published in Journal Vol. XXIII, No 1—March 1943).
Mr. N. V. Modak, will open the discussion.

BOMBAY PHILOSOPHICAL SOCIETY: An informal meeting will be held to-day at 6 p.m., at Wilson College.

PRIZE DISTRIBUTION: Prize distribution show of 'Circle Litteraire' at Taj Mahal Hotel, to-day (Wednesday), at 6 p.m., under the presidentship of the Consul for Iran.

PROGRESSIVE GROUP: A tea party will be given to Messrs. Vijay Merchant and Vijay Hazare at Green's to-day (Wednesday), at 6-45 p.m., in recognition of their epic performances in the recent Pentangular Cricket Tournament. Both the guests will address the gathering on their outstanding experiences in the field. Entrance may be obtained on payment of Re. 1 per head at the door.

BOMBAY PHYSICAL CULTURE ASSOCIATION: The inauguration ceremony of the Inter Schools Tournaments will be held at 5 p.m., to-day, on the grounds of Parle Tilak Vidyalaya, Vile Parle. Dr. S. N. Nayampally will preside.

KALANIKETAN: A new snow room will be opened at Victoria Court, Queen's Road, to-day (Wednesday).

CHANDA RAMJI GIRLS' HIGH SCHOOL: Sports prize distribution of the school was held on Saturday last when Mr. R. K. Devchand presided and Mrs. Devchand distributed the prizes. An interesting programme of music and dancing was gone through.

FRIENDS OF SOVIET UNION: The Friends of the Soviet Union, are opening the Matunga-Dadar, branch on Sunday, 19th instant, at Narayan Terrace, King's Circle, Matunga (G. I. P.) The opening ceremony will be held in specially erected Shamiana by the members of the Friends of the Soviet Union, opp. Aurora Talkies, King's Circle. Mr. Ishwarbhai S. Patel, member of the B. P. C. C. will declare the office open. Mr. S. A. Brelvi will preside.

S. I. SANGEETH SABHA

Under the auspices of the South Indian Sangitha Sabha, Srimati M. S. Ssbbalaxmi will give a music recital to-day (Wednesday) at 8-15 p.m. (S.T.) at Telang Road, Matunga (G.I.P.)

INDIAN GRAIN DEALERS' FEDERATION

The Committee of Federation resolved that all Ration Shops in the Bombay City and Suburbs and all Grocery Shops connected with the Rationing Scheme be kept closed on all Sundays.

WEIGHT-LIFTING COMPETITION

Bombay Presidency Weight Lifting Association has been authorized by the B P O A to select a weight-lifting team to be sent to the XI Indian Olympic Games to be held at Patiala in February next.
For the purpose of selection, a Weight-Lifting Competition will be held on 8th and 9th of January at the Brabourne Stadium in all the five Olympic Classes. Entries will close on 5th January 1944. Entrance fee is Rupee one per competitor. Entries should be sent to the Hon. Secretary, B. P. Weight-Lifting Association, Kalyan Nivas, Telang Cross St., Matunga.

RATES FOR VEGETABLES

The following vegetables are sold at selected Government Grain shops in Bombay City (the rates will be current till Saturday, Dec. 18):—Cauliflowers, Re. 0-3-6 per lb.; Cabbage, Re. 0-3-6 per lb.. Yams, Re. 0-2-6 per lb.; Brinjals, Re. 0-2-0 per lb.; Papdi (Surti), Re. 0-4-6 per lb.; Papdi (Valor), Re. 0-2-6 per lb.; Tuwar, Re. 0-2-6 per lb.; lb.; Chillies (Big), Re. 0-2-0 per lb.; Chillies (Small), Re. 0-1-6 per lb.; Gawar, Re. 0-1-6 per lb.; Lemons, Re. 0-2-6 per lb.; Tomatoes Re. 0-3-6 per lb.
The following pulses are sold at all Government Grain shops:—Gram Dal, Re. 1-7-0 per paylee; Tur Dal, Re. 1-7-3 per paylee; Barley is sold at annas 10 per paylee.

SRI KRISHNA MUSIC ACADEMY

The second Anniversary of the Sri Krishna Music Academy, Matunga was held on Sunday at the South Indian Association premises Mr. K. Srinivasan presided. Mr. K. V. Chari gave a short discourse on "Sound and Music" and explained the various factors that go to produce the different qualities of music.
In the course of his address, Mr. Srinivasan commented upon the various tendencies and trends of opinion existing in the music world. He laid stress on the necessity of teaching the meaning of musical compositions to students and explained the proper methods of teaching music. Sangeetha Bhushanam T. S. Krishnaswami, the Principal of the Academy, explained how teaching of music through institutions could be made most effective. The students of the Academy with suitable accompaniments, entertained the audience with music which was much appreciated.

4TH ALL KARNATAK JOURNALISTS' CONFERENCE

To bring all journalists in Karnatak into close touch, the Sonth Kanara Journalists' Association are convening the fourth All Karnatak Journalists' Conference in Mangalore, in January or February 1944. The conference aims to organise an All-Karnatak Journalists' Association on a permanent basis, to chalk out a plan for the future and to consider development of journalism in the Province.

Prominent Poona Merchant Passes Away

Mr Adam Oomer grandson of Hajee Adam who was a pioneer merchant of Poona expired at the age of 52 years after a long illness on Thursday Dec 9 at 11 p.m.
The funeral was largely attended by the public of Poona irrespective of caste and creed on Friday noon.

AN APPEAL FOR CITY HOSPITALS

Of the Rs. 60,000 collected from the show 'Hindustan Hamara' in November 1942, two-thirds was ear-marked for the use of Civil Hospitals in times of emergency, and a Committee of the following members was formed to administer the fund:
Mrs. R. A. Baig (Chirman), Mr. A. J. Wadia, M. M. Amersey, Lt.-Col. S. S. Sokhey, Lt.-Col. Jelal M. Shah, Dr. Miss Jhirad, Dr. B. B. Yodh, Mr. N. H Tata, Mr. J. B. H. Wadia, Mr A M. Mecklai (Hon. Trea.) and Miss S S. Batlivala (Hon. Sec.).
As no emergency aid was required during the course of the year and the course of the war has changed, the Committee, with its limited funds, have been working with two aims in view.
(1) To supplement the poor funds of the following Civil General Hospitals: The J. J. Group of Hospitals, Goculdas Tejpal Hospital, Cama and Allbless Hospital, Adams Wylie Hospital and Nair Hospital, to supply extra necessities to destitute patients. Nearly Rs. 4,000 has already been handed over to these hospitals.
(2) To build up a Blood Bank for the daily use of the above hospitals, for which Rs. 6,000 has been donated, for processing and storage of whole blood and plasma by the Haffkine Institute. This service, however, can only be maintained if donors come forward from the public, all the year round, to help build and maintain this bank.
Hospitals generally have several transfusion cases a week and in the case of destitute patients, who cannot pay for transfusions, the hospitals have neither funds nor ready donors to render this essential aid. Therefore, to help atleast six hospitals in Bombay, approximately 500 donors a month are required. The Committee appeals to the public spirited citizens of Bombay to donate their blood for the daily needs of these hospitals.
Donors can donate their blood at any of the following centres stating that their blood should be utilised for destitute patients in the City hospitals.
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58 MILES AN HOUR ON QUEEN' ROAD

The Chief Presidency Magistrate, Esplanade Court, imposed a fine of Rs. 50 on Mr. D. R. D. Tata, under the Motor Vehicles Act for driving his car at the rate of 58 miles per hour along the Marine Drive on November 1.
Sub-Inspector Marshall who followed the car closely stated in the court that while he trailed Mr. Tata from the Catholic Gymkhana to Churchgate Street, at 10-15 a.m. he saw the speedometer reaching 58. There was, however, no traffic on the road.

SAVARKAR ORDERED COMPLETE REST

BOMBAY, Dec. 12.
Mr. V. D. Savarkar, President of the All-India Hindu Mahasabha, is having temperature. Doctors have advised him complete rest for a fortnight.—United Press.

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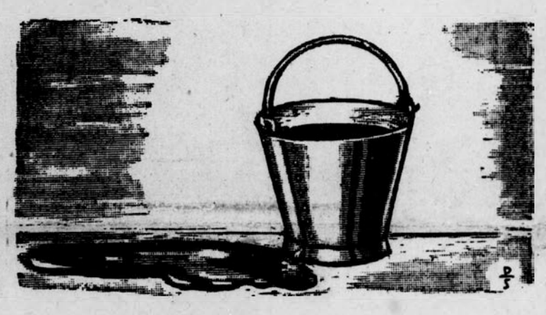
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A Swaraj Government means a Government established by the free joint will of Hindus, Mussalmans and others.

—MAHATMA GANDHI.

The Bombay Chronicle

FOOD SUPPLY FOR VILLAGES

In the recently published report of the Foodgrains Policy Committee, which was presided over by Sir Theodore Gregory, attention is drawn prominently to the fact that uncertainty of food supplies is a phenomenon that is witnessed not only in urban areas but affects the rural population as well. The scheme of village grain banks formulated by Mr. Vaikunth L. Mehta, on which we commented, when it was first published in the "Social Welfare", represents an attempt to meet this need for assuring the food supplies of rural areas. It is intended to provide for the maintenance, in a village, of a stock of foodgrain sufficient in quantity to meet the rationed demand of every individual resident in the village for a period of full one year. The stock of foodgrain the scheme provides, should be in the shape of a common pool from which each individual draws according to the prescribed ration. If the people can be induced to pool their resources on the basis indicated—and we do not see any reason why they should not—the scheme should provide on admirable basis for the organization of equitable distribution of foodgrain in the countryside and for checking individual hoarding.

From this point of view, Government should welcome such efforts at the voluntary introduction of rationing by village communities. If they do so, we believe they will remove the main obstacle in the way of the orgainsation of village grain banks. That obstacle is the inability of village communities or the organizers of village grain banks to visualize how the scheme of holding communal stocks of foodgrain will fit in with the operations of the local agencies of Government regarding their purchases or the procurement of supplies. It should not be difficult, in our view, for Government to give to the organizers of village grain banks and village communities the requisite assurance that stocks of foodgrain maintained on the lines indicated in the scheme will not be touched by Government. In case Government give such an assurance, not only will they assuage the troubled minds of rural householders but they will also have their own task facilitated in the prevention of hoarding and in checking the growth of corruption and the emergence of black markets in rural areas.

Kiev Bulge Battle

A great Russian victory, greater perhaps than any yet won during the present offensive, seems to be in the making. About a month ago the Germans, while continuing to yield ground everywhere else, struck a vicious and powerful blow in what has come to be the Kiev bulge. They had some considerable success, too, in their counter-offensive and General Vatutin's forces had to rtire fighting a good many miles towards Kiev and the Dnieper. But, despite von Manstein's massed tanks and desperate fury, the Russian line held, that is to say, the Germans failed to achieve a break through which might well have altered the complexion of the entire fighting on the Russian front. For long days the fate of the battle hung in a balance. It was touch and go. But von Manstein's resources and sacrifices availed nothing.

And now the tables seem to be in the process of being turned. The Russians have counter-attacked and met with preliminary successes, too. The stage of a decision in the battle of the Kiev bulge has yet to be reached. But the Russian counter-attack is itself an important event which, should the Germans be forced into a final retreat, would culminate into a great triumph. It would, however, be a great mistake to regard the hoped-for triumph as a decisive defeat of the Germans on the Eastern Front. Their counter-offensive shows that they are not destitute in resources and reserves. Secondly, while the main objective was the ambitious one—itself quite significant—of breaking through to the rear of the Red Army, it is even more likely that the German General Staff had an equally important alternative objective before it—the objective of retaining mobility for their general withdrawal on the Eastern Front. It should not be forgotten that, despite the victorious advance of the Red Army, almost all along the great front the German withdrawal has not only not deteriorated into a rout but, on the other hand, has been quite remarkably orderly. The Nazis have continued to pull themselves safely out of disaster That means that they are far from finished yet and that means that a big and hard blow from the west is quite necessary.

FRANKLY SPEAKING

Russo-Czech Treaty

Thanks to the statesmanship of Dr. Benes, the relations between Czecho-Slovakia and Russia were always cordial and friendly. And the treaty just signed at Moscow merely converts those relations into a formal record. It was long expected, so was the fact expected that the treaty would follow the pattern of the Anglo-Russian twenty years' Mutual Assistance Pact. Yet the Russo-Czech Treaty is a welcome event in that it will exercise an important influence on post-war developments in eastern and south-eastern Europe. It gives a lead to countries that are Russia's neighbours and a pointed lead—a hint, too,—to Poland. But what is not clear is its effect on the problem of zonal pacts in Eastern Europe to which Russia is opposed.

Straight Tip

Another stage has been reached in the unravelling of the Turkish enigma. Speculations based on circumstantial interpretation are now yielding place to positive assertions by eye and ear witnesses based on authentic information from sources that are "highly confidential." One such information has been broadcast by the Ray Brock, till recently the "New York Times" correspondent in Ankara. According to Mr. Brock Turkey will enter the war in early spring. What is more "in a few days machinery will be in motion for declaration of war by the Turks." The machinery which is about to move is the promotion of two younger prowar Generals to key position in the General Staff. We are thrilled and excited.

Thank You

In the sphere of European politics Mr. Wickham Steed, former editor of "The Times" of London, does not require any enlightenment at the hands of any of his countrymen however eminent they may be, but, as regards the problems of India, like most British politicians, he appears to be content to swallow blindly any dictum or nostrum which bears the stamp of the India Office or Whitehall. Mr. Amery has told him that the principles of the Atlantic Charter "were laid down and announced with reference to India even before the Charter was issued by President Roosevelt and Mr. Winston Churchill"—and it must be a gospel truth! Mr. Steed does not stop to ask himself why, if what Mr. Amery has stated is the truth and nothing but the truth, India to a man refuses to believe in such a truth. If Mr. Steed has reflected on the subject, probably he would attribute this scepticism of Indians either to their 'cussedness' or ingratitude towards their British benefactors, among whom, no doubt, Mr. Leopold Amery and his chief, Mr. Winston Churchill, occupy, in his view, the very front rank. Of course, there are 'skeletons in the cupboards' of both these illustrious benefactors of India, which have been exposed from time to time, and for which these worthies have so far expressed no regrets whatever. But Mr. Steed is not bothered about glaring inconsistencies in his heroes and wants Indians to put their full faith in the latter's professions. Thank you for nothing, Mr. Steed. Indians prefer to think for themselves and put their faith in their own will to be free.

STALIN WINS ALL THROUGH

'Post-War Russia Astride Indian Ocean Can Reach Out And Touch India'

NEW YORK, Dec. 14.

The "New York Mirror" columist Drew Pearson writing from Washington said to-day that diplomatic appraisals of the Teheran Conference see an important result. "Russia will dominate the Gulf of Persia, the Red Sea, and the Indian Ocean".

Pearson added: "Stalin won Russia a political triumph of a hundred years by forcing Britain to come to Teheran on joint policies. Even if the Gulf and Russia's outlet to sea were not mentioned the selection of Teheran was important. It meant that post-war Russia will sit astride the Indian Ocean and can reach out and touch India".—Reuter.

U. S. VIEW OF SOVIET-CZECH TREATY

WASHINGTON, Dec. 14.

The State department made the following statement on the Soviet-Czech treaty:

"The treaty of mutual assistance between the Governments of the Soviet Union and Czechoslovakia has been under discussion for some months. This agreement is somewhat after the fashion of the Anglo-Soviet Pact of 1942.

It is not understood to be in conflict with the general framework of world-wide security."—Reuter.

TOKYO ADMISSION

LONDON, Dec. 14: The Tokyo Radio in a war review said that Allied resources were fathomless while "it cannot be said that the Japanese Navy has the war situation under complete control."

Dr. Dhalla On Post-War Education

Speaking on post-war education, under the auspices of Gnan Prasarak Mandali at the Framji Cowasji Institute, Dhobi Talao, on Tuesday evening, Shamsul-Ulma Dastur, Dr. M. N. Dhalla, the High Priest of the Parsis in Karachi, advocated the inculcation of patriotic spirit in the rising generation. Education should be such, said the speaker, as would enable the child to think of itself in terms of the country as a whole. In this connection the speaker deprecated the separatist tendency as exhibited by several communalists in matters of higher education.

Dr. Dhalla further pleaded for a greater vocational bias to education in future.

Referring to the language difficulty the speaker observed that it would be better if English were retained as medium of instruction in India at least temporarily, because with its vast literature and philosophy it had helped in developing national consciousness in India.

Dewan Bahadur Jhaveri presided over the meeting which was attended by a large number of Parsis.

Medicos' Strike Leads To Closure Of School

CALCUTTA, Dec. 14.

Due to the students' strike that has been in progress at the Campbell Medical School, Calcutta, from November 22, the Government of Bengal announce today that they have no alternative but to close the school 'sine die' until a sufficient number of students apply to the Superintendent for permission to resume their studies, with an expression of regret for their unauthorised absence from classes.

All the menials of the Campbell Hospital, Calcutta who were on strike, returned to work this morning.—A. P.

"Art In Industry" Exhibition

CALCUTTA, Dec. 14.

The General Secretary of the "Art In Industry" Exhibition announces that over 2,000 entries have been received for the forthcoming exhibition, which will open on the 11th January next at the Government School of Art, Chowringhee. The prize money for the 1944 exhibition of Rs. 20,000, represents the greatest ever offered in India for an art exhibition.—A. P.

Better Wages For Coal-Miners

NEW DELHI, Dec. 14.

A 27-1/2 per cent rise in the dearness allowance of coal miners and also cheaper and larger food rations for them are understood to be among the results of the visit to the colliery areas which Dr. Ambedkar, Labour Member, has just concluded and of the conference over which he presided at Dhanbad.

Sad End Of Woman

Kamalabai Ramniklal aged 25, living with her husband at Viegas Street, Bombay, is alleged to have poured kerosene over her clothes and set fire to them on Tuesday evening as a result of which she died. It is learnt that she and her husband had a quarrel and her action was a sequel to it after he left the house.

League Council Member Resigns

KARACHI, Dec. 14.

Wadaro Faqir Mohomed Mangrio, Joint Secretary, Thar Parkar District Muslim League, has resigned from the All-India Muslim League Council. He has sent an intimation to Mr. Jinnah to this effect.—United Press.

SIND PREMIER ON MINISTERS' CONFERENCE

KARACHI, Dec. 14: Sir Ghulam Hussain Hidayatullah, Premier of Sind, in an interview to the United Press said that the Ministers' Conference has been convened by him on December 28 to discuss important subjects affecting provincial administration in relation to the Centre.

This would include, he added, among other subjects Statutory Price Control, Rationing, distribution of grains from surplus to deficit areas, etc.—United Press.

MEHERPUR (NADIA): It is learnt that 53 persons from 185 families have died of malaria in the course of a month at Radhakantapur, three miles off Meherpur.

Approach To Problem Of Communal Disharmony

MR. BAIG ON WHAT PAKISTAN DOES NOT SOLVE

Under the auspices of the Sir Dorabji Tata Graduate School of Social Work, Mr. M. R. A. Baig gave, on Tuesday evening, a lecture on "An Approach to the problem of communal disharmony" at the Nagpada Neighbourhood House, when Mr. M. R. Masani, the Mayor of Bombay, presided. In the course of his speech Mr. Baig said:—

I consider it a fundamental mistake to think, so far as communal unity is concerned, on All-India terms. Fundamentally we are provincial and will be constitutionally also since the new constitution to be forged, we hope, after the war will certainly be based on resiluary powers in the Provinces at the very least if not on even greater decentralisation.

The League's own policy proves my point that that the communal problem cannot be settled on All-India lines. The League's solution is Pakistan; but what Pakistan solves I really do not know. There are 40 per cent Hindus in the Pakistan areas and 20,000,000 Muslims in the non-Pakistan areas. Even assuming that there is an All-India communal problem, all that is achieved is that this problem is divided into two. In both these areas the problem will remain to be solved as much after Pakistan as before and if all kinds of guarantees and safeguards can be given to the minorities in the Pakistan areas, they can be equally given to the minorities in All-India and, anyway, why should the Hindu minority accept from the Muslim majority what the Muslims themselves are not prepared to accept from the All-India Hindu majority? And as for the 20,000,000 Muslims left out of Pakistan, they are quietly jettisoned and forgotten. A most effective and satisfactory solution to a difficult problem. What Pakistan does solve, however, is the Congress-League problem since, after Pakistan, the League will rule undisturbed over Pakistan and the Congress over the rest. But what it does not solve is the Hindu-Muslim problem which, if anything, will become more acute.

I deprecate the tendency, also very prevalent, of putting the whole blame for communal disharmony on British shoulders. If the majority is national the minority will be national and if the minority is communal it is because the majority is so. Of this state of affairs, the British have taken the fullest advantage, and why should they not, but the fault is ours and the responsibility of solving it ours and on our priority list of National Needs, Communal Unity and not Quit India should be first. In fact I may say that the Mahatma's change of attitude from saying that communal unity must come first to that the British must quit first robbed the dynamic appeal of "Quit India" of Muslim support from the very beginning.

Vigorous self decommunalisation is the first step towards National Union and it is unfortunate how little is actually taking place. I am afraid I have to say that there is a distinct difference between Hindu Nationalism and Muslim Nationalism. I have found Muslim Nationalism to be first pro-Hindu-Muslim Unity and then, if anything, anti-British. Hindu Nationalists are first anti-British and Hindu-Muslim Unity is generally grouped in their minds with anti-touchability, prohibition and other desirable reforms. Many, many Hindus, quite sincerely believe that they can remain Hindu in thought, culture, appearance and habits and yet be nationalists. There is a widely prevalent belief that Hindus are Indians and Muslims are Muslims. Of course neither Hindus nor Muslims are Indians and nothing should be Indian that is not partly Hindu and Muslim.

Let me give you some examples. If you refer to Dr. Shyam Prasad Mookerjee, you will call him a Bengalee. But if you refer to Mr. Fazlul Haq, you automatically call him a Bengalee Muslim. Why? They are both Bengalees and this is even more strange since the Muslims are in a majority in Bengal and, if anything, they should be Bengalee and the Hindu, the extra. This attitude occurs even in business. The Dewkaran Nanji Bank is considered an "Indian" Bank. But the Habib Bank is a "Muslim" Bank. Even Tatas, in the minds of most people, are still a "Parsee" firm. But Birlas or Dalmias, who very probably do not employ a single non-Hindu, are "National" enterprises. Do not think that I have given isolated cases. This attitude that Hindu is Indian and Muslim is Muslim is more the rule than the exception and its existence is one of the prime causes of communal disharmony.

This is why nationalism is so suspect amongst Muslims. Muslims would have no objection to Indianism but they strongly object to hidden-Hinduism.

Let me give another case. The other day I read that Mr. K. M. Munshi had been elected President of a Committee to write a History of India. On this Committee there was not a single Muslim name. I wonder what kind of Indian History they are going to write, yet I am sure that they are pertectly satisfied with their own composition.

National Union is impossible as long as separate electorates exist and every possible attempt must be made and no cost is too high to get the Muslim into joint electorates. As things are, nothing is being done at all to give the Muslims any faith at all in joint electorates or to feel that under them any Muslims that remotely represent them will ever be returned.

MASANI & MEHERALLY

Some of you will immediately point to Mr. Masani and to Mr. Meherally. With all due respects, Mr. Masani's election as Mayor is not due to joint electorates but due to reservation of seats. While he is in every way fully fitted to be the first citizen of Bombay, he is so to-day because he is a Parsee, whose turn it was, and the only Parsee available in the Congress Municipal Party. Mr. Meherally is a typical example of my point that there is a difference between Muslim nationalism and Hindu nationalism. Mr. Meherally is an Indian first and last but, apart from his relations and personal friends, has no roots in and little contact with the Muslim masses. In his last election he got, I believe, 80 Muslim votes. Many of his colleagues, on the other hand, have only roots in the Hindu masses and have no thoughts or contacts outside. He is, I am proud to say, an Indian. They are Hindus who have signed the Congress Pledge and that is the utmost that can be said of them.

Do not, however, imagine that I brand all Hindus such as this. Many, many Hindus, especially the younger ones who think entirely on economic lines, such as those who belong to Mr. Masani's group, are Indians first and last and have no trace of Hindulsm in them. Neither are all nationalist Muslims like Mr. Meherally. There is to-day, in Bombay, a Muslim journalist who holds a Congress seat in the Assembly who is daily advocating in his paper a Government of Allah under which all Hindus will either have to be converted or else penalised. How such a person is allowed to remain in the Congress I really do not know. But, I repeat, after giving this matter every consideration, that the average nationalist Muslim is as much nationalist as anti-British and least of all communal whereas the average Nationalist Hindu is primarily anti-British, secondly communal and lastly national. This has given Nationalism a Hindu atmosphere and contributes greatly to communal disharmony.

ECONOMIC ASPECT

My last point, and the one our Chairman will consider the most important, is the economic aspect. Economically both the Hindus and Muslims' first thought is of bread and the only difference, perhaps, is that the Hindus blame the British and the Muslims blame the lack of it. Good government which will raise the economic position and the standard of living of the masses, is, of course, the solution and this can only be on a national basis.

Now the Muslim middle-class is, undoubtedly, economically behind the Hindu middle-class and this is a problem to which I have devoted some special study. My conclusion is that if it is so, it is largely the Muslims' own fault and the solution is for the Muslims themselves to be more commercial minded. Business firms may belong to members of certain communities but business is becoming more and more joint-stock and assuming that Messrs. Walchand and Co., is entirely Hindu and that even the Managing Agency Firm of Tata Sons is predominantly Parsee, any Muslim can share in their activities and prosperity by buying shares of their companies. But a communal case exists in the sphere of employment. While I have come across no Muslim who does not employ Hindus, there are hundreds and hundreds of Hindu firms which do not employ a single Muslim. This is wrong and this is why these firms are, in Muslim eyes, Hindu firms instead of business firms of whom the proprietors or managers are Hindus. I realise the difficulty of finding suitable Muslims for mercantile posts. But it is a question of supply and demand. There is practically no demand and hence the supply is small. Let there be a positive demand and, if not immediately, very soon there will be adequate supply. Greater employment of Muslims by Hindus will greatly contribute to communal harmony amongst the middle-class which will for certain permeate very quickly to the masses.

"VERY BASIS FOR DETENTION UNDER REGULATION WILL BE ATTACKED"

Jaiprakash Narain's Counsel Replies To Chief Justice's Enquiry

LAHORE, Dec. 14.

On a request being made by Mr. Jeewanlal Kapoor, Counsel, that Mr. K. M. Munshi, who is engaged in the 'habeas corpus' petition filed on behalf of Mr. Jaiprakash Narain who is now a State Prisoner under Regulation III of 1818, would not be able to reach Lahore to-morrow the date originally fixed for the hearing of the petition, the Chief Justice postponed the same till December 17.

The Chief Justice enquired from the Counsel if any purpose would be served by the hearing of the petition now that Mr. Jaiprakash Narain's detention had been changed from one under the Defence of India Rules to that under Regulation III of 1818, the Counsel submitted that they would like to attack the very basis of detention under the Regulation itself.—United Press.

POLITICAL ARRESTS AND FINES IN ASSAM

SHILLONG, Dec. 14.

Three thousand one hundred and forty-five persons had been arrested during past year since August 1942 in connection with political activities. Of these, 1,619 were convicted. Altogether 405 were detained under the D. I. R. during the same period. Collective fines amounting to Rs. 4,10,487 were imposed, out of which Rs. 2,49,578 and odds had been realised.

This information was supplied by the Premier, Sir Mahomed Saadullah, to the Assam Legislative Assembly replying to some questions.

The Premier also said that on six occasions during the period the police were compelled to open fire, twice in Darrang District, twice in Kamrup District, once in Nowgong District and once in Goalpara District when 14 persons were killed and 33 injured.—United Press.

COMMUNISTS ARRESTED

SYLHET, Dec. 14: Mr. Satyendra Datta, Secretary of the Sylhet District Committee of the Communist Party and four other Communist workers have been arrested under the D.I.R. —United Press.

ORDINANCE TO AMEND IT

MADRAS, Dec. 14: Enquiries made by the United Press here indicate that the Provincial Governments were consulted recently by the Government of India on the question of the proposed Ordinance to amend Rule 26 of the Defence of India Rules.—United Press.

RELEASED BUT INTERNED

CALCUTTA, Dec. 14: Moulvi Aftabul Islam has been released on grounds of ill health, but he has been directed not to go outside the city of Calcutta and its suburbs.

The Moulvi had been a security prisoner since March 1942 and in April 1942 he was sent home for medical treatment. He has been thrice operated upon and is awaiting another operation.—United Press.

'HABEAS CORPUS' PETITION ADMITTED

LAHORE, Dec. 4.

The Chief Justice and Mr. Justice Sir Abdur Rahman admitted to-day the 'Habeas Corpus' petition filed today against the detention of Shrimati Puran Devi, a prominent Congress worker of Lahore, under D.I.R. 26. Their Lordships issued notice to the Crown.—A. P.

FINE REMITTED

BANGALORE, Dec. 13: The Government of Mysore, it is learnt, have remitted the fine of Rs. 500 imposed in November 1942 on the inhabitants of Travancore village in Shimoga District under the Collective Fines Act. Any collection towards this fine hitherto will be refunded.—A. P.

Nizam Govt.'s Ban On Vikramotsava

HYDERABAD, (Dn.) Dec. 13.

(From Our Correspondent)

The Vikramotsava which was to be celebrated since today onwards on behalf of the Hindi Prachar Sabha under the presidentship of Raja Pannalalji Pitti is banned by the State.

This was purely of a cultural and literary character. There is a general unrest here in the public due to this.

Gujarat Students

One of your correspondents pleads for holding Matriculation Examination three or four weeks later than its appointed time. The reason for such a plea is the closing of the schools for nine months due to disturbed conditions. The students are now applying assiduously to their studies. But looking to the syllabus of the Examination it would be difficult for students to complete it as thoroughly as one would wish within the time at their disposal. I think it is not the case of Gujarat students alone who should have extention of time, but practically most of the students had their minds disturbed directly or indirectly.

Hence extending the time for the Examination by four weeks would operate as a blessing to students.

SARABHAI DALAL.

PLEA FOR FAIR DEAL TO WORKING JOURNALISTS

President-Elect Of All-India Newspaper Editors' Conference Felicitated

"Hitherto the function of the All-India Newspaper Editors' Conference has been to resist the encroachments of the bureaucracy on the rights of the press. One of the objects of the Conference is to preserve the high standards and traditions of journalism. This cannot be done unless the working journalists are given a fair deal. The members of the Conference are not oblivious to this fact. I trust that by the time I lay down my office as President I shall have been able to be of some service to the profession of journalism as a whole."

This was the assurance given by Mr. S. A. Brelvi, President-Designate of the All-India Newspaper Editors' Conference in answer to the felicitations offered to him on his election at a meeting of the Journalists' Association of India on Tuesday evening.

WORK OF CONFERENCE

Mr. B. G. Horniman, presiding over the meeting said that the A.I.N.E.C. had done good work and had worthily upheld the rights of the press. He was one of those who had been sceptical of the ability of the Conference to fight the Government, but he had been agreeably surprised by the very good work done by the Press Advisory Committees. The A.I.N.E.C. had put up a courageous fight, but for which the Government would have completely carried out its ill-advised schemes to muzzle the whole of the press. He was gratified at the tactful but firm way in which the A.I.N.E.C. had fought the bureaucracy. They would have to fight many more battles before they could establish the freedom of the press in its proper sense.

He felt sure that Mr. Brelvi would worthily fill the high office to which he had been elected—an office which held very high possibilities of doing good not only to the press but to the country as a whole.

NO BED OF ROSES

Mr. K. Srinivasan (*Free Press*) in joining in the congratulations, suggested that the office was no bed of roses. There were fissiparous tendencies within the organisation and their relationship with Government was not of the happiest. There was a "Gentleman's Agreement" between the Government and the A.I.N.E.C., which required two gentlemen to keep. When one party fell from the standard of gentlemanliness, it was very difficult for the other party to keep its part of the agreement. He hoped that the spirit of accommodation which Mr. Brelvi had displayed would help him to handle the Government in the right manner. In this difficult task he assured Mr. Brelvi of the loyal co-operation and support of the Journalists.

Mr. Ali Bahadur Khan testified that the A.I.N.E.C. had been of particular use to the vernacular press, which had so far been without anybody to support or defend it.

Mr. D. F. Karaka, Mr. K. D. Umrigar, Mr. K. A. Chidambaram, Mr. A. M. P. Karai and Mr. C. S. J. Rao associated themselves with the tributes paid to Mr. Brelvi.

A letter written by Sir Francis Low congratulating Mr. Brelvi on behalf of the "*Times of India*" was read at the meeting.

JUSTICE TO WORKING JOURNALISTS

Mr. Brelvi in the course of his reply said that though the office to which he had been elected was one of high honour, it was also one of many responsibilities and great difficulties. Not the least of these was that he was succeeding one who had set up a high tradition. It was difficult adequately to estimate the great work done by Mr. K. Srinivasan (Hindu) in building up the Editors' Conference. A great deal of what had been achieved by the A.I.N.E.C. was due to the team work and spirit of toleration shown by the members, a spirit so rare in the public institutions of this country.

But for the consultative machinery set up by the Conference and the agreement it had arrived at with Government, the lot of the press would have been worse than what it was today. The Government had not always acted in the spirit of a gentleman. But on many occasions the Government had to yield to the unanimous pressure brought to bear on them by the Conference and its Standing Committee. If the same spirit of united action prevailed, the Conference was bound to grow from strength to strength.

In this connection he pointed out that the Conference was a non-communal, non-political organisation and should be supported by all sections of the press. He, therefore, appealed to all papers, particularly those in the Punjab which had stood out, to join the Conference.

Dealing with the conditions of working journalists, Mr. Brelvi pointed out that at present the press as a whole was doing well and there was no reason why its prosperity should not be shared by the staff. He pledged himself to do his best to see that justice was done to the working journalists.

Mr. J. M. Ghate proposed a vote of thanks.

TETE-A-TETE

WITHOUT COMMENT—

Sir Tej Bahadur warned the Chief Justice of India that when he started the building of this Court (the Supreme Court) to have it far away from Delhi. "It must be lodged", he said, "in a separate building free from the bureaucratic atmosphere of the Chamber of Princes where the Federal Court was at present housed." Sir Tej Bahadur did not feel that New Delhi was a propitious place for Justice".

Allahabad Report.

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The Viceroy and Lady Wavell are reported to have been entertained by the Governor of Orissa and Lady Lewis to a public garden party on Sunday last.

They couldn't have chosen a more vivid and realistic method of emphasising the food problem that faces Government.

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Mr. L. S. Amery has just made another discovery, to wit, that the Atlantic Charter was applied to India even before it was born at sea.

In which case heaven help the countries of Europe that are looking forward to that boon.

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"Miss Irene Ward, M.P., arrived at Government House."—Local Report.

Welcome Miss. Make yourself at home.

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That solicitous friend and pensioner of India, Lord Hailey, desires the country to realise "how little her own defensive efforts would count without outside assistance" in the post-war future.

But against whom, Russia, China America or Britain?

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Lord Hailey was troubled about another matter, too. In the problematical event of the establishment of a world organisation to maintain security, what he wanted to know would be India's contribution to the force which will be needed?

Lord Hailey's question is really not so silly as it looks. He does know all about the "Indian" armies serving and about to serve abroad. But that precisely is his worry. India may insist on contributing an Indian Indian army.

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At the same palaver, Sir Stanley Reed struck a more directly pessimistic but quite characteristic note: The more he looked at the map of Asia the more he was convinced that within two years of the signing of the armistice they would be sighing for the peaceful days of war.

Let no one accuse Sir Stanley Reed of being a blood-thirsty war-monger already suffering in anticipation from nostalgia.

What he is naturally worried about is the future of "they" in to-morrow's Asia.

But since he has sounded the warning in time, we hope, everything would be effectively safeguarded, etc., etc.

And the best method would be to have Asia occupied after the war by Britain and, since it is unavoidable, America. That would relieve Sir Stanley Reed from the fear of sighing after the war.

Drug Control

It is, indeed, a relief to the public to find that Government has at last issued an order controlling prices of various drugs. They have notified the public to this effect and have published a list of prices which can be had from the Superintendent, Government Press for the nominal fee of two annas. Till now chemists and druggists were charging exorbitant rates for drugs and fleecing the public at their own sweet will. I would suggest to the authorities-that-be that as it is very inconvenient for those living in the suburbs to get a copy of it, they should deposit a few hundred copies in all the leading Post Offices in the city so that those who would like to buy a copy can do so easily. It is hoped due attention will be paid to the matter in response to the public demand and a notification should be issued accordingly.

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Indian States And Common High Courts

There are in all 762 States. They vary in size and income. Some are so small as not to get even 10,000 rupees income per year, or do not cover an area of 100 sq. miles. At the All-India State Conference, a resolution was passed that all the States below 50 lacs income should be abolished, a number of years ago.

All the States that will survive if they are above the border of yearly income of 50 lacs and an area of 5,000 sq. miles may be treated as different districts under the powers of one District and Sessions court each, just as Satara, Poona, Belgaum under one Common Bombay High Court.

In the point of view of the State subjects 75 per cent population will afford the proposal of amalgamating their areas into British areas and come under direct control of British Indian Courts.

A. D. DATAR.

Vasant Naik M.L.A.'s Property To Be Auctioned

(From Our Correspondent.)

NASIK, Dec. 13.

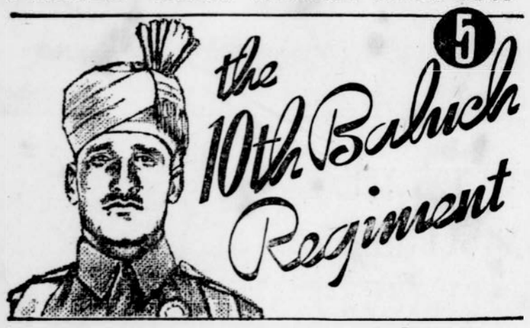
The immovable property belonging to Mr. Vasant Naik, M.L.A. which was hitherto attached by the Government of Bombay is to be auctioned on the 16th instant for the non-compliance of the Government order served on him to appear before the District Magistrate within a specified time.

It may be recalled here that Mr. Vasant Naik, who is proclaimed as absconding since 9th Aug. 1942, is a member of the A.I.C.C. and President of the Nasik District Congress Committee and is on the wanted list of the police at present.

INDIAN SOCIETY OF AGRICULTURAL ECONOMICS

BOMBAY, Dec. 14: The Fourth Annual Session of the Indian Society of Agricultural Economics will be held at Walchandnagar under the presidency of Sir Manilal B. Nanavati, between the 25th and 28th December, 1943.—A. P.

NAMES THAT MAKE HISTORY



5 the 10th Baluch Regiment

THE REGIMENT was first raised in 1820, and since then its various battalions have had a very distinguished career. It has a wide experience of overseas campaigning and, before the present war, served in Persia, Aden, Abyssinia, Afghanistan, Egypt, Burma, China and East Africa. One battalion gained many battle honours in the Great War of 1914-18, including those of Ypres 1914-15, which are unique in the annals of the Indian Army. The first Indian to be awarded the Victoria Cross was a member of this regiment.

During this war, the regiment has seen service in the Sudan, Eritrea, Abyssinia Malaya, and Burma. One battalion specially distinguished itself at the Battle of Keren. It was given the task of passing through the Railway tunnel, clambering along the railway line, which is cut on the side of a 2,500 ft. mountain, and of capturing some hills through the gorge. They went along the narrow railway track under heavy fire and stormed the hills known as "the Railway Bumps". Here they met an Italian Battalion preparing to attack in their turn, and drove them from the field capturing many. This battalion also gave an excellent account of itself at the battles of Barentu and Ad Teclesan.

During this war the regiment has so far been awarded 6 D.S.O.'s, 1 O.B.E., 3 M.C.,'s, 8 I.O.M.'s, 12 I.D.S.M.'s, 2 M.B.E's and 28 mention in despatches.

Battle Honours:

ADEN	BRITISH E. AFRICA	ST. JULIEN
BESHIRE	1896-97-99	EGYPT 1915
BUSHIRE	CHINA 1900	MEGIDDO
BOOSH-AB	AFGHANISTAN 1919	SHARON
PERSIA	MESSINES 1914	PALESTINE 1918
DELHI 1857	ARMENTIERES 1914	KUT EL AMARA 1917
CENTRAL INDIA	YPRES 1914-15	BAGHDAD
ABYSSINIA	GHELUVELT	MESOPOTAMIA 1916-18
KANDAHAR 1880	FESTUBERT 1914	PERSIA 1915-18
AFGHANISTAN 1878-80	GIVENCHY 1914	N. W. FRONTIER 1917
EGYPT 1882	NEUVE CHAPELLE	KILIMANJARO
TEL EL KEBIR	FRANCE & FLANDERS	BEHOREHO
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15 Acquitted In Surat Bomb Case

Jail For Two Accused: Two Re-arrested Under D.I.R.

SURAT, Dec. 14.

Delivering judgment in the Surat bomb case Mr. M. C. Shah Sessions Judge, Surat, agreeing with the unanimous verdict of the Jury, sentenced Harubhai Kasanji Jariwala and Babu alias Narotham Nagin Lohar to five years rigorous imprisonment each. The other 15 accused were acquitted.

Two of the persons who were acquitted have since been re-arrested under Section 129 D.I.R.

PROSECUTION STORY

The prosecution case was that the accused were "unlawfully and maliciously preparing, collecting, helping and distributing material such as containers of bombs, lids or caps of bombs and other materials and substances with an intention to endanger life or cause serious damage to property or buildings used for Government purposes during October and November 1942."

Twenty-two persons were arrested in this connection, but five were acquitted by the trying Magistrate.

ON JURY'S VERDICT

Stating in his order that the "verdict of the jury is not entirely unreasonable" the Sessions Judge referred to the case of Bavhabhai Sukhabhai Naik, one of the accused and said: "The evidence is that live bombs were found in his room but his explanation is that somebody left the bombs in the room in his absence, while his maid-servant was in the room. That is a story which does not appeal to me as true but the jury are entitled to take their own view and if they have not believed the genuineness of the find probably because of the fact that the bag containing the bombs was found hanging from a peg in the room and not concealed anywhere, I do not think the Jury's verdict is so entirely unreasonable or perverse that I should refuse to accept it and refer his case to the High Court."—A. P.

"RASHTRAVANI" TO RE-APPEAR

PATNA, Dec. 14: The "Rashtravani", a Hindi Daily, published in Patna, which suspended its publication after the arrest of Congress leaders in August last, will, it is understood, resume publication from January 14, 1944.—A. P.

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CITY MARKETS

BOMBAY, Dec. 14.

SHARES: The Share Bazar was mainly influenced by the broadcast speech of the C.-in-C and there was improved buying. Prices did not show any marked change but the general feeling was better with a slightly improved buying Tata Steel Dfds. opened at Rs. 1,922 and hardened to Rs. 1,931 while Ordinary shares opened at Rs 391 and improved to Rs. 393 Bombay Dyeings opened at Rs. 1,925 and improved to Rs. 1,930 Century Mill shares were quoted at Rs. 966 and Kohinoors were quoted at Rs. 616.

ACTIVE SHARES AT A GLANCE

Tata Steel Ord. (390/8) 391 93 92 93 94 92 91/6; T.S. Dfds (1920) 1922 27 30 26 33 31 38 27 25; Dyeing (1922) 1925 23 25 22 27 25 33 26/4; Century (563) 965 66 65 68 66 67 64 63 Kohinoor (614) 615 14 15 14 17 18 14 Swadesh (582) 584 86 84 89 90 87; Nagpur (451) 453 52 53 52 55 53 52/8 Simplex (278) 279 77 79 78; New Great (427/8) 427 29 30 29 28/8; Tram (141/8) 142 40 39 40 39 40/12 40/4 40/8; Cement (225/8) 225 26 29 28 27/8.

TEXTILE SECTION: Ahmed Advance 107-8; Apollo xd 5-6½ Bharat Mills 84-8; Bom. Dyeing 1926-4; Cent. India 452-8; Century 963; Colaba 241; Dawn 1630; Edward Sassoon 760; Elphinstone 102; Finlay 329-8; Gokak 343; Hindustan 4100; Ind. Bleaching 228; Ind. Manfg 4100; Ind. United Ord 20-6; do Defd 4-6; Indore Malwa 1140; Khatau xd. 398-12; Kohinoor 614; Lakshmi 330 Madhowji 28-8; Minerva 227-8; Model Nagpur 330; Madhusudan 542-8; Meyer Sassoon 237-8; Morarji 757-8; Mysore 276-8; New City 415; New Great 428-8; Pohenix 700; Podar Mills 410; Sassoon Spg 31-12; do Silk 102; Sholapur 8895; Simplex 278; Swadeshi 587; Swan 306; Tata Mills 75-8; Shri Nivas 417-8; Western India 4700; Vishnu 2650.

INSURANCE SECTION: Bom. Life 207; Empire Life 807-8; Oriental 5900 Ind. Mercantile 90; Indust. and Prudent 38; Jupiter 28-8; New India 80-12; Vulcan 16-13

HYDRO & ELEC. SECTIONS: Ahmed. Elec 202-8; Ajmere Elec. 14-4; And. Valley Ord 1885; Bom. Suburban 200; Bom Tram Ord 140-8; Broach 13-12; Karachi 246; Poona 300; Surat 195-4; do New Rs. 50/Pd 70; Tata Hydro Ord. 200; Tata Power Ord. 1910.

BANK SECTION: Baroda Bank 144; Bank of India 224-8; Central Bank 88-4 Imperial F.P 1975; do P.P 505; Reserve Bank 129; Union Bank 10-10; Habib Bank 87.

PREF. SHARES: 7 per cent And. Valley 1730; 6 per cent Bom Steamer 340; 7 per cent do Tram 66-8; 5 per cent India 731-4; 6-1/2 per cent Jupiter 19-12; 6-1/2 per cent Surat 193-12; 6-1/4 per cent Prem. Const 1st 136; 6 per cent Tata I & S 1st 223-12 6-1/4 per cent Prem. Const 2nd 135; 7-1/2 per cent do 2nd 157; 7 per cent do Hydro 176-4; 7-1/2 per cent do Power 1777-8; 7 per cent Vishnu 785.

DEBENTURES, 4 per cent And. Valley 106; 4 per cent Tata Chem 241 4 per cent Tata Power 108; 6 per cent Marsland Price 121.

RAILWAY SECTION: Ahmed. Prantej 857-8; Cent Prov 109; Dhond Baramati 118; Guzerat 97; Hoshiarpur Doab 106; Mandra Bhon 103; Mymensing Rebt 105; do Gtd 104; Sialkot Narowal 125; do New 54; Sara Sirajganj 105; Upper Sind Lt. 116.

MISC. GROUP: Alembic Chem 350; Alcock Ashdown 580; Asso Cement 227-8; Bom. Burma Old 430; do New 155; Bom. Steamer 666-4; Belapur 256-8; B.B. Petrol 3-5½; Invest Trust 63-4; Prem Const 231-8; Port Canning 103; Scindia 37-2; Shivrajpur 79; Tata Chem 32-4; Tata Oil 85; Tata Ord 391-8; Tata Defd. 1925; Radio Ord. 500; do Defd 481; Wimco 325; B I C 6-7; Burma Corp. 3-11; Ind. Copper 2-12; do Iron 34-14; Steel Corp 27-6; New New Vict Ord 10-15; United Com. Bank 70-8; Hindustan Com. 61; Elphinstone Pref 215; Bradbury Ord 372-8; do Pref. 553-12.

GOVT. SECURITIES: 2-3/4 per cent 1948-52 Loan 99-12; 3-1/2 per cent G P. Note 97-8; 3 per cent 1946 Def loan 102-5; 3 per cent 1949-52 do 100-11; 3 per cent 1951-54 do 100-2; 3 per cent 1952-55 Def 100-15-4; 3 per cent 1963-65 Loan 98-5; 3-1/2 per cent 1947-50 Loan 103-6; 4 per cent 1960-70 Loan 111-15; 4-1/2 per cent 1955-60 Loan 115-8.

CORP. DEBENTURES: 4 per cent B P T 1974 113; 4 per cent M. Deb 1974 113 5 per cent do 1959 121; 6 per cent do 1954 130-2; 6 per cent K P T 134.

TAX-FREE LOANS: 5 per cent 1954-55 Loan 106-1 4 per cent 1953-63 Mysore 123-8; 5 per cent 1955 135-6

BULLION: Yesterday London gold was unchanged at £8-8-0 Dollar sterling cross rate was 4.02-1/2 to 4.03½ at London and 4.03 at New York London spot and forward silver quotations were unchanged at 23-1/2d and New York spot silver was quoted at 44-3/4 cents. The local market does not show any change in the sentiment. Delivery quotations are marked down and there is no demand even though premium of spot quotation is very attractive. Those who are holding stocks are not willing to part. Silver delivery quotations opened at Rs. 111/4 and advanced to Rs. 112/4 and later steadied at Rs. 112. Ready silver was quoted at premium of Rs. 3 at Rs. 115. Gold market opened at Rs. 70/14 and advanced to Rs. 71/8 and reacted to Rs. 71. Ready gold was quoted at a premium of Rs. 2 at Rs 73. The market position remains manipulated.

After some nervousness and increased selling, prices improved. Quotations Ready silver Rs. 115/4, delivery Rs 112/8 Ready gold Rs. 73/6 and delivery Rs. 71/6, Sovereigns Rs 51.

COTTON: The local lotton market was fairly firm with increased buying in January delivery. It appears that in the absence of offerings prices are advancing and have now reached the Diwali Mahoorat level. The near month is controlled by bull operators but distant months are keeping comparatively easy. The market will have to dorrect its position as short interest is now mostly transferred to later deliveries. Trading commenced today at Rs 472/8 for January delivery and under per-

LANDLORD APPLIES FOR WRIT OF CERTIORARI?

(Before the Hon'ble Mr. Justice Blagden)

Mohandas Muljl Sicka ... Petitioner
vs.
The Collector of Bombay Respondent

This was an application by the son of a wealthy Bombay tobacco merchant for the issue of a writ of certiorari against the Respondent calling upon him to send up the record to the High Court for the purpose of inquiring into the legality of the order passed by him on 3rd September and for quashing the same and passing such orders as may be necessary.

The petitioner had establishments both in Bombay and Calcutta. In December 1942 he came down to Bombay from Calcutta with the members of his family on account of air raids. When he arrived in Bombay his property known as "Sicka Villa" at Pedder Road was let out to tenants. One of the tenants Coutino declined to vacate the premises contending that the petitioner did not bona fide require them for his own use. In order to take legal proceedings to eject Coutino, the petitioner applied for a certificate from the Rent Controller which was refused. Aggrieved by this order the petitioner appealed to the Respondent who summarily dismissed the appeal "from a perusal of the record of the case" without hearing the parties. On behalf of the petitioner it was argued that under clause 12 of the Rent Restriction Order, 1942 it was incumbent on the Collector not only to examine the record of the Rent Controller but also to make further inquiry before deciding the appeal.

His Lordship ordered the issue of a Rule against the Respondent which will now come up for argument in due course.

Mr. H. D. Banaji instructed by Messrs. Ambubhai & Diwanji appeared for the Petitioner.

JAIL FOR SEVEN PRO-CESSIONISTS

BOMBAY, Monday.

Messrs. Wadilal Atmaram, Damaji Jiwan, Parashuram Raghunath, Vasant Doulat, Bhachubhai Bhagwan Shantilal Dindayal and Shamsundar Vasudeo were arrested on December 9 at C. P. Tank for taking out a Congress procession were to-day sentenced to 3 months' R. I. each by Mr. I. S. Haji, Presidency Magistrate of the Mazagaon Police Court.

The Half-Column "By Dim"

A lady came in the other day with a book on Indian Music she had written, and asked if I would mention it in the Half Column. I told the dear lady I did not understand Indian music. She left me, but a copy of the book followed a day later "with an appeal for the understanding of India's proudest heritage." So I opened the book at random and on page 47 I find she says: "Dha Dhin Dhin Dha" and then again "Dha Tin Tin Ta." Well, tastes differ but I much prefer Rin Tin Tin.

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There is to be a "One Man Show" of Mr. N. S. Bendre's painting at the Archaeological Gallery, Prince of Wales Museum, to-day Wednesday at 6-30 p.m. The show will be formally opened by Karl Khandalavala.

Bendre was born at Indore in 1910. He studied painting there at the State School of Art.

He has exhibited during the last ten years in all India exhibitions and has the distinction of representing Western India, in the Modern Indian Exhibition at Burlington House in 1934 with a couple of pictures, one of which is in the present show.

Awarded four gold medals and nine silver medals, including money prizes, at Amritsar, Calcutta, Delhi, Mysore and Bombay, his paintings are distinctive. The exhibit titled "Freed from Want" depicting the appalling tragedy of Bengal, is donated to the Bengal Relief Fund.

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,, Mar	.....	470	0	0
,, May	.....	471	8	0

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,, Mar	468/8	460	467/12
,, May	470	462/8	469/4

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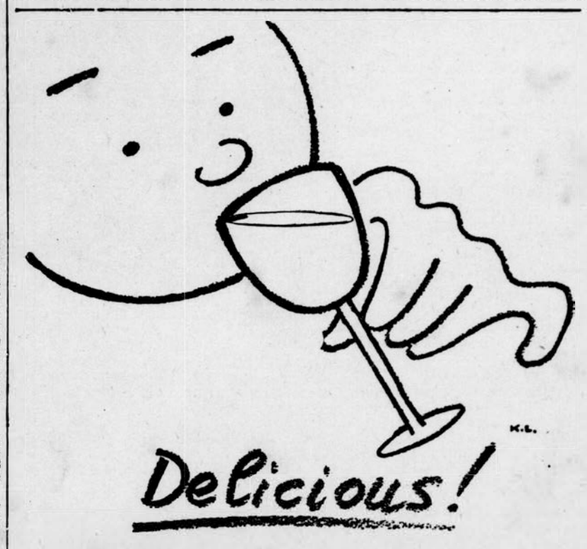

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"MUHARRAM FESTIVAL"

IN VIEW of the approaching "Muharram" festival the public are hereby warned against the erection of mandaps or booths on streets, without permission, as it constitutes an offence under the Municipal Act and renders the person responsible for the erection, liable to prosecution.

Persons desiring to erect mandaps, etc., in connection with the Muharram on any Street, whether water-bound or treated with bituminous material, etc., should apply to the City Engineer before 29th December, 1943, when permission will be granted wherever feasible, free of charge, on receipt of an undertaking that holes made in the roads will be filled in and the roads reinstated to their original condition to the satisfaction of the City Engineer immediately after the festival is over.

(Sd.) M. D. BHAT,
Municipal Commissioner
for the City of Bombay.

Municipal Offices,
Bombay, 29th November, 1943.
(7138)

NOTICE

APPLICATIONS ARE INVITED for a temporary post of Assistant Director (Progress) in the Office of the Textile Commissioner, Bombay. The pay will be fixed with reference to the qualifications and experience of the candidate selected within the range of Rs. 350|- to Rs. 1,000|- per month. Candidates must possess a degree of a recognized University and should have practical experience in the compilation and interpretation of Statistics. Those having a knowledge of Textile trade will be given preference. Applications stating age, qualifications and experience should reach the Assistant Secretary (Establishment), Office of the Textile Commissioner, Ballard Estate, Bombay, by the 23rd December, 1943, at the latest. (7167)

NOTICE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that Partnership heretofore subsisting between Mr. Ambubhai Hirabhai Patel, Mr. Baburai Vasantrai Raval and Mr. Keshavlai Lallubhai Patel, carrying on business as Cloth Merchants at Champagully under the style of Messrs. K. R. Ambubhai & Co., has been dissolved as from the 25th day of Nov. 1943.

Date: 13th December, 1943.

(Sd.) K. R. AMBUBHAI & CO. (3506)

NOTICE

I, JAIWANT MANGESH, Sole Proprietor of the shop known as WEST END SHOP at Kerawalla Mansion, Carnac Road, Bombay sold the whole Stock in Trade, furniture, Goodwill, etc., to Mr. MOSES DAVID on the 8th December 1943. I shall be responsible for all liabilities incurred and be entitled to all outstandings due to the said shop up to and inclusive of 8th December, 1943.

3515 JAIWANT MANGESH.

B. B. & C. I. RLY.

THE EXECUTIVE ENGINEER, B.B. & C.I.Rly., Ratlam, will receive sealed tenders in English at his office at Ratlam upto 12 hours on FRIDAY, the 14th January, 1944, for the construction of 601 quarters of approximate value Rs. 5 lakhs at Freelandganj, Station Dohad.

2. Detailed Notice, Tender Conditions, and Form, etc., can be obtained from his office on payment of Rs. 5|-, which will not be refunded. Type drawings of the quarters can be seen in his office, in the office of the Assistant Engineer, Dohad, or the Chief Engineer, Bombay.

CHIEF ENGINEER,
B. B. & C.I. Railway.

Bombay, dated 14-12-1943. (7172)

NOTICE.

Wanted: Staff Nurses—Pay Rs. 60—5—100 p.m. each. Board Allowance Rs. 30|- p. m. plus Rs. -8|- per day each. Uniform allowance Rs. 10|- p. m. and Deamess Allowance Rs. 12|- p. m. each, with free furnished quarters. Apply at once with copies of certificates to the Lady Superintendent, Lady Willingdon Hospital, Lahore. The candidates must be registered in the Punjab as general trained Nurses and Midwives. (6836)

NOTICE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN to the Public that our clients NARIMAN JIJIBHOY KAPADIA and MINOCHER KAIKOBAD PATEL have agreed to carry on the business of Dubashes and Contractors in partnership as from the 1st day of October, 1943 and the said business will be so carried on by them in the name of Messrs. KOBAD & CO. at Wakefield House, Sprott Road, Ballard Estate, Bombay.

Dated this 14th day of December, 1943.

WIN & CO.,
Attorneys for Nariman Jijibhoy Kapadia and Minocher Kaikobad Patel. 7171

632. MISCELLANEOUS FOR SALE

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The Prize Bonds (which will be in the form of bearer bonds) will be on sale at the Indian offices of the Reserve Bank of India, all branches of the Imperial Bank of India and all Government Treasuries and Sub-treasuries in British India or a State in India conducting Government of India treasury business. Subscriptions will be received in the form of cash only and no written application will be necessary.

The bonds will not bear interest but half-yearly on the 15th January and 15th July each year, commencing from the 15th July 1944 up to and including the 15th January 1949, a draw by lot will take place for prizes under the supervision of the Government of India in respect of each series of bonds sold completely.

Each series of the Rs. 100|- and Rs. 10|- denominations will consist of 1 lakh pieces. The half-yearly prizes in each completed series will be:—

SERIES OF RS. 100|- DENOMINATION

1 Prize of Rs.	50,000|-	..	Rs. 50,000-
2 Prizes of Rs.	20,000|-	..	Rs. 40,000|-
2 Prizes of Rs.	5,000|-	..	Rs. 10,000|-
Total amount of prize money half-yearly in each completed series of 1 lakh pieces.		..	Rs. 1,00,000|-

SERIES OF RS. 10|- DENOMINATION

1 Prize of Rs.	2,500|-	..	Rs. 2,500|-
2 Prizes of Rs.	1,250|-	..	Rs. 2,500|-
5 Prizes of Rs.	500|-	..	Rs. 2,500|-
10 Prizes of Rs.	250|-	..	Rs. 2,500|-
Total amount of prize money half-yearly in each completed series of 1 lakh pieces		..	Rs. 10,000|-

Full particulars can be obtained at any of the offices authorised to receive subscriptions. (7164)

TENDER NOTICE.

THE CONTROLLER OF SUPPLIES, (Purchase Branch), Strand House, Ballard Estate, Bombay invites tenders for the stores detailed below:—

Item No.	Store.	Quantity.	Particulars.
1.	Chamois Leather good quality.	1,220 Nos.	As per Specification No. G|Leather|61-C. Grade 1.
2.	Skin sheep or goat (size 2 ft. 6 in x 2 ft. 0 ins.)	300 Nos.	As per sample Regd. No. 2752.

Tender No. P|SY|BP2|5555

Price of tender forms, etc. is Rs. 2|- per set and is not refundable and forms are not transferable. Payment should be made in cash or by money order only to the Controller of Supplies, Purchase Branch Bombay quoting tender No. and remitter's full address on the coupon in the case of money orders.

Tenders will be received upto the 27-12-1943. Samples against this tender are required to be submitted to this Office by 27-12-1943.

Applicants not already on the list of approved contractors maintained by the Chief Administrative Officer, Purchase Branch, Department of Supply, must state in their applications for tender forms the name of their bankers.

A sample of item No. 2 can be seen in his office and copy of specification can be had from the office of the Controller of Inspection, Bombay on payment. (7168)

THE NEW KAISER-I-HIND SPG. & WVG. CO., LTD.

NOTICE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that as per Resolution passed at the Board's Meeting held on 14th December, 1943, an 'Ad-Interim' Dividend at Rs. 75|- per share for the half year ending 30th September, 1943, will be paid at the Registered Office of the Company, Mubarak Manzil, Apollo Street, Fort, Bombay, on and after 30th December, 1943, to those shareholders whose names stand on 23rd December, 1943, on the Register of the Company.

The TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED from 23rd December, 1943, to 27th December, 1943 (both days inclusive).

Dividend warrants will be posted to the last registered addresses of the shareholders.

By Order of the Board of Directors,
HARILAL ODHAVJEE GANDHI,
Secretary.

Bombay, 14th December, 1943. (7170)

LEGAL NOTICES

NOTICE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that Mr. MAHADEV P. BHIWANKAR has contracted to sell the undermentioned property to our client. All persons claiming any interest to the said property are hereby required to make the same known in writing to the undersigned at their office at Fort Chambers, Tamarind Lane, Bombay, within 14 days from the date hereof, otherwise, the sale will be completed without any regard to any such claim whatsoever and the same, if any, will be considered as waived.

DESCRIPTION OF THE PROPERTY

All land with dwelling houses thereon, in the Bombay Suburban District and registration Sub-District of Bandra admeasuring 812 Sq. Yards, situate at Danda (Khar) bearing plot No. 374 of Suburban Scheme No. VII and bounded on the North by the first Road on the East by Plot No. 373, on the South by plot No. 372 and on the West by Plot No. 375 A, 376 and 377.

Dated this 14th day of December, 1943.

MANKODI & CO.,
(7169) Purchaser's Attorneys.

LEGAL NOTICES

NOTICE.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that KHTIZABAI, wife of Alladin Mahomedbhai of Bombay Muslim Inhabitant has contracted to sell the undermentioned property to our client.

ALL persons having any claim against or to the said property by way of inheritance, mortgage, sale, gift, lease, lien, charge, trust, maintenance, easement or otherwise however are hereby required to make the same known in writing to the undersigned at their Office at Karim Chambers 40-44, Hamam Street, Fort, Bombay within 14 days from the date hereof otherwise the sale will be completed without reference to such claim and the same, if any, will be considered as waived.

SCHEDULE OF THE PROPERTY.

ALL that piece or parcel of Pension and Tax land or ground (Cess whereof has been redeemed) with the messuage, tenement or dwelling house standing thereon, situate, lying and being at Babula Tank Road and Mirza Ali Street in the Registration Sub-District of Bombay, in the Island of Bombay, containing by admeasurement 1020 Square Yards or thereabouts and registered in the Books of the Collector of Land Revenue under Old No. 730, New No. 3344, Old Survey Nos. 2497 and 2498, New Survey No. 3657, Cadastral Survey No. 1868 of Mandvi Division and in the Books of the Collector of Municipal Rates and Taxes under 'B' Ward Nos. 3450 (2), 3451 (1) and 3451 (2 and 3) and Street Nos. 22A and 7A-7B-24-26 and bounded as follows: that is to say on or towards the East by Mirza Ali Street, on or towards the West partly by Babula Tank Road and partly by property bearing C. S. No. 1|1868 of the said Division, on or towards the North by the property of Syed Mahomed Kazrani bearing C. S. No. 1867 of the said Division and on or towards the South partly by Jail Road West side or Imamwada Road and partly by the said property bearing C. S. No. 1|1868 of the said Division.

Dated this 13th day of December, 1943.

ALIMAHOMED MERCHANT & CO.
Purchasers' Attorneys.
(7157)

LEGAL NOTICES

NOTICE OF SALE

Mr. SITARAM BABAJI SHETE for self and as Guardian of his minor children Gangadhar and Lalitprabha, and Mr. RIGNOJI SITARAM SHETE have contracted to sell undermentioned property. Persons having any claim thereto of any kind are called upon to notify the nature of their claim in writing to the undersigned within 14 Days in default sale will be completed and the claim deemed to be waived.

DESCRIPTION.

Piece of land at the Junction of BHOIWADA ROAD and GOVERNMENT GATE ROAD, in Bombay 411 sq., yards with the building thereon Cadastral Survey No. 685 Parel-Sewri Division, New Survey No. 11 of Bhoiwada Village, F Ward No. 1332 (1 & 2) Street Nos. 47 and 47 G Bhoiwada, Parel.

G. B. PANDYA,
Purchaser's Attorney.

Dated 13th December, 1943.
41, Bruce Street,
Fort, Bombay No. 1.
7156

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